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Drug separations up more than 14%

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A steady increase in drug separations Navy-wide is forcing Navy officials to rethink the zero tolerance policy and drug awareness program.

Adm. Robert Natter, Commander in Chief, U.S. Naval Forces Atlantic, has called for broader, more frequent drug testing, and an increased use of drug dogs for drug detection with efforts that should not be limited by budgetary concerns, he said.

Touting 'zero tolerance' and discharg-

ing abusers with little or no consequence is not working, Natter said. He is calling on commanding officers to firmly discipline drug abusers instead of just discharging them. He is also mandating that all abusers be referred to NCIS for questioning to investigate the source of drugs.

In 1996, there were 857 drug separations Navy-wide, compared to 1,060 in 2000, an increase of 14.1 percent, according to a recent Navy report. What makes these numbers important is that as the number of drug separations have increased, the number of

Sailors decreased by nearly 65,000.

Although base-wide statistics are not kept, there has been an increase in ecstasy and cocaine abuse in Rota, said Robert Nance, NCIS special agent. Basewide, there have been several incidents of drug separations recently, said Lt. Colleen Glaser-Allen, assistant staff judge advocate, Naval Station, Rota.

A main reason drug discharges are up is that Sailors are under the impression that ecstasy can't be detected by urinaly-

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Cable replacement underway

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After 20 years, base housing's cable system is in the process of being replaced. The \$841,000 project will replace the old cable with new fiber optic cable, and could lead the way to possible internet connections in upcoming years.

The new cable will be run underground, protecting it from the elements of weather, said Rich Johnston, Naval Station's housing director, which will better preserve the cable.

"The current cable wire is arial, therefore, it comes in contact with the weather all the time. This can cause bad connections, affect components inside and can even cause outages. All of these factors lead to poor reception," Johnston said.

Another factor to the cable replacement was because of various complaints from housing residents about the bad reception. For residents such as Lt. David Roberts, PSD's disbursing officer, the cable replacement will be welcomed.

"I have not had television since last Thursday. It's a real inconvenience, and when I do have television, the picture is very fuzzy. It's not a very good picture at all," said Roberts.

Johnston added the cables have run their final course, and it was time to take action, and

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FYNE rocks Rota

The R&B/hip-hop group FYNE, performed Monday, Feb. 5, at 7 p.m., at Champions, in recognition of Black History Month. The trio sang music from their debut album. Kimarka Hubbard, Sharon Howse, and Monica Steele, of FYNE, made Rota the first stop on their first overseas tour. Their mission was to get Rota into the spirit of Black History Month.

"Performing music that was developed from the African-American culture is a major part of black history month, and people should never forget that," said Hubbard.



photo/PH1(AW) Ron Heppner

BEQ completion date extended

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The completion date for renovations on three of the barracks on base has been postponed by six months to add new security features to the buildings. The expected completion date for the buildings is now Feb. 5, 2002.

The change is in the new addition of extra features to the bachelor enlisted quarters. Changes in construction are the result of a new Chief of Naval Operations, Europe regulation requiring newly constructed barracks to meet new force protection standards. The buildings will now have re-inforced exterior walls, and standard explosion-proof windows.

"The extra features to the new facilities will meet force protection standards," said Celio Cedeno, project engineer.

Construction began on buildings 31, 33, and 35 in Nov. 1999, costing \$1.44 million for each building.

Delinquent government charge card accounts to be reported to credit bureaus

JO2 Ricky Allen
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In an effort to collect on 10,000 delinquent travel card payments, Navy-wide, military members and government workers are now being reported to credit bureaus when they fail to pay their travel accounts.

These accounts are reported when they are 210 days delinquent. Everyone should stay aware of his or her government travel card expenses, said Joanna McFall, transportation assistant, Personnel Support Detachment.

"Save all of your receipts, and as soon as you are reimbursed, pay your government travel card bill. A lot of people wait until later to do this, resulting in missing payments," said McFall.

With reports now going to credit bureaus, delinquent charge card payments will be more damaging than before. A credit ratings report of active military personnel and civilian cardholders, who are reported delinquent on their payments, will be sent to credit bureaus. Everyone who has a govern-

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IG Inspection team in Rota

Heather King Navarette
Rota Coastline

More than 30 Navy officials will be arriving Feb. 11 for the Inspector General's inspection, a visit geared toward monitoring the quality of life at Naval Station, Rota.

"They come in and look at a wide range of topics," said Lt. Cmdr. Millard Porter, administrative officer, Naval Station, Rota. "They look for issues and programs that impede or hinder the quality of life, and they're also interested in what people have to say - the good and the bad - about living in Rota."

A series of focus groups will be conducted, base-wide, to gather information about these issues, said Porter.

"They take this information back to the States and identify issues at a high level," he said, "without going through the chain of command."

COMNAVACTS leadership is encouraging all participants of the focus groups to participate in a forthcoming manner.

"I think that [the participants] should be open and honest, and lay their cards on the table," said CMDMC (SW) Israel Melendez. "Tell them

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WEATHER

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	THURSDAY Rainshowers High: 61 Low: 52		FRIDAY Partly cloudy High: 59 Low: 50
	SATURDAY Morning fog High: 59 Low: 46		SUNDAY Partly cloudy High: 61 Low:

THIS WEEK

MLK/FLOJO 5K
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today at
noon, call 2639



I will assist with your board package



ITCM(SW) Israel Melendez
COMNAVACT Command Master Chief

In the early hours of the 18th of January over 150 Sailors from the Naval Station and tenant commands were at the galley, not to have breakfast as usual, but to participate in this year's CPO examination. I was truly surprised to see the large number of CPO hopefuls. I had the opportunity to meet the great majority of them as I tried to set them at ease. I could not help but notice the dazed and concerned look on their faces.

It brought back memories of the time when I was going through the same ordeal. I was glad to be present to provide some support and words of encouragement. We all know that only a few of them will be selected as is the case every year. For those who do not make it, I want to tell them not to be discouraged, their time will come.

Having previously served on a selection board, I want to offer my services to each of them. I am willing to make myself available to conduct a thorough review of their service records and assist them in putting together a package to the board.

They just have to contact me at ext. 2444 to schedule a meeting. I ask that they do not wait too long as the packages are due to the president of the se-

lection board by the first week of May.

I want to wish each and every one of them the best of luck and I look forward to welcoming the

fortunate ones into the mess.

On another note, the Tiger Day planning meeting was held on the 29th of January and I was very pleased to see the great show of support by our community.

There were 35 people present for the initial meeting. This event focuses on the children and is held in recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Month of the Military Child. This year's event is scheduled for the 6th of April.

As most of you know, this consists of static displays which help our children experience first-hand what our military members do on a daily basis. The success of Tiger Day depends on the involvement and support of our entire community.

Our children are the future and strong families make for productive and successful children. We are in need of people and resources. Please plan on participating so that we can make this a memorable experience for our children.

The Fleet and Family Service Center is coordinating this event. For further information or to volunteer your services, contact Candace Myer or Michelle Butler at ext. 3232.

Looking back...

Feb 10, 1961

Rotando reported: The movie tonight is "When Comedy was King," starring Charlie Chaplin, Keystone Cops, Laurel & Hardy, and Wallace Beery.

Feb 17, 1971

El Rotando reported: The library is featuring "Black Heritage-The American Experience," for Negro History week.

Feb 6, 1981

Jack Tar reported: Three Seabees and brothers Greg, Gary, and Dave Edwards are currently serving in Rota with NMCB-4.

Feb 8, 1991

Coastline reported: A ribbon cutting ceremony opened the one-stop PSD facility.

Feb 10, 2000

Coastline reported: Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and the Environment, The Honorable Robert Pirie Jr. visited the base on an orientation tour.

RECOGNIZED

Athlete of the Year Award

All commands are encouraged to attend the awards ceremony, honoring these men and women. The ceremony will be held Friday at the Reflections' Grand Ballroom from 2-4 p.m. The MWR Athletics Dept. would like to congratulate all the nominees for Athlete of the Year. Tracy Brommel/Hosp.; Mark Cabrera/Air Ops; James Corey/Air Ops; Chalecha Cunningham/VQ2; Alex Darosa/Air Ops; Greg Eisman/NEMOC; James Felty/PSD; D.F. Foucher/NSGA; Francisco Garcia/Security; Harvey Gordon/NSGA; Maria Gordon/MWR; Marc Heitter/PSD; Neville Hollins/MAST EUR; Michelle Lawrence/Hosp.; Vittoria Macaluso/VQ2; Richard Mascolo/NSGA; James Pasley/NCTAMS; Jermaine Profit/Air Ops; Anthony Roanne/AMC; Timothy Smith/Hosp.; Maria Soto/Security; Dean Tunberg/NEMOC; Harold Von Huse/PWD; Richard Whipple/Security; Susan Wood/NEMOC; and Jeffrey Wright/Security. Call ext. 1916 for information.

Jeffrey Getchell DGF spelling bee champ

Jeffrey Getchell, 10, won the spelling bee for grades 3-5. He will travel to Germany in March to represent DGF Elementary at the DOD Europe level. The winning word? Gazpacho.

Clark Weaver, receives Silver Star

Last month, Midshipman Chris Weaver, son of Clark Weaver, received a Silver Star for academic achievement during the first term of this school year at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, NY.

Captain's Cup Table Tennis Tournament

First place, Ce Zhen, Second place Steven Johnson

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Benjamin David Becker, son of Andrew and Cynthia Becker, was born January 21, 2001, weighing 7 lbs., .2 oz.

Melanie Kay DeCosta, daughter of Edward DeCosta and Chari DeCosta-Arjona, was born January 23, 2001, weighing 5 lbs., 15 oz.

Trinitie Marie Alexander, daughter of Derrick and Alissa Alexander, was born January 25, 2001, weighing 5 lbs. 8 oz.

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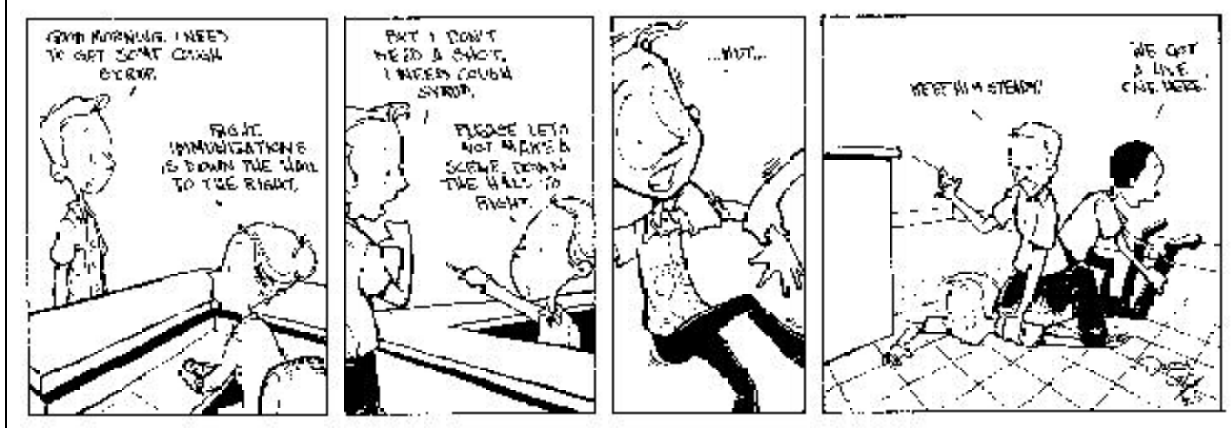
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LETTERS

I would like to make a comment about the article published in the Feb. 1 edition regarding bus vandalism. I think it is an outrage that such a valuable community service is being threatened because of the actions of some irresponsible and disrespectful children. Having only one car in my family, my husband and I frequently use the services of the shuttle bus. We have found this service invaluable, as have many other families I know on this base. I will be very angry if this service is discontinued for the responsible adults who value this service because of the irresponsible children who take this service for granted. If MWR would like a suggestion for a way to end this vandalism, here's one...don't allow any minors on the bus unless they are accompanied by an adult. -Taj Castles

TETRAPODS



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Accreditation team inspects DGF Schools

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The Department of Defense Education Association is inspecting DGF schools this week, an inspection crucial for the school's accreditation.

Every American school has to meet certain standards. They are required to have some kind of improvement plan and certified teachers offering programs to help children. DGF schools will be fine, said E.B. Stafford, principal, DGF High School.

DGF High School has been preparing a school improvement plan.

The improvement plan was derived from the high school's School Improvement Leadership Team, which includes the principal,

chairpersons, and committee members: consisting of parents, and student representatives.

The inspection team coming to inspect DGF Elementary and DGF High School is the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

The NCA visiting team will consist of five evaluators: Two NCA representatives from Arizona State University, one representative from DODEA, and two representatives from the district office located in Turkey.

The inspection team started their inspection Feb. 6 at the elementary school, and will take another four days at the high school. They will spend some time talking to parent groups, students, and other community members who have questions or ideas. However, most of their time will be fo-

cused in classrooms, observing teaching styles, and how the school body supports its improvement plan. According to David Wass, co-chairperson of the school improvement plan committee, the school is following the school improvement plan that they have implemented.

"One portion of our improvement plan is on Wednesdays and Fridays, when the whole school conducts silent reading for 20 minutes," said Wass.

To see if the improvement plan was successful in its mission, a survey was held. Seventy-two percent of students said it helped improve their vocabulary, while ninety-six percent of parents gave the program positive remarks, Wass said.

SPANISH NEWS

10 North Africans drown in Spanish waters

ALGECIRAS, Spain (AP) - A raft carrying North Africans hoping to sneak into Spain hit rocks and capsized as it headed ashore in strong winds, killing 10 people, officials said Monday.

The bodies of seven men and a woman were found before dawn Monday on a beach near Tarifa in Cadiz province. Several hours later rescuers found the bodies of two other men, and the wrecked remains of the motorized rubber raft they had all been traveling in.

The Interior Ministry office in the provincial capital said police and other rescuers were searching the water and beach for survivors or more bodies. The number of people in the motorized rubber raft was not known. The raft likely capsized around 3 a.m. Monday. One ministry official said the victims were apparently Moroccans.

Separately, coast guard ships searched Monday for a raft reported adrift with up to 30 people aboard off Spain's southeast

tip after setting sail Sunday from the Moroccan city of Nador.

Authorities were alerted Sunday night by the first of several mobile-telephone calls from one of the people aboard.

"They don't know where they are. They have not seen land at any time, just a few ships," said Miguel Zea, head of maritime rescue services in Almeria.

The phone calls stopped before dawn, when the phone's battery went dead.

Spain's center-right government has pushed through a strict new law to clamp down on illegal immigration.

Every year thousands of North Africans fleeing poverty try to cross the Strait of Gibraltar, paying large sums to traffickers who arrange dangerous trips in overcrowded vessels that sometimes are barely seaworthy.

Last year, authorities recovered 55 bodies of people trying to enter Spain illegally.

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MILITARY NEWS

IRS site answers tax questions

Doing taxes if you are in the military can be confusing. What do you report as income? If you were stationed in Bosnia or Kosovo for three months or were aboard ship in the Med, how much of your pay is taxable? How are moving expenses treated?

The answers to these and many other tax questions unique to military service are on the IRS Web site at http://www.irs.gov/forms_pubs/p3toc.htm.

The publication addresses a slew of military tax issues such as areas declared as combat zone exclusions and how to handle income earned by resident alien spouses. It lists what income is taxable and, more importantly, what is not. It lists exemptions and how to qualify for them.

DOD increase in future, pay raise safe

Major changes to the Bush Administration's DoD budget must wait on the completion of a force structure review, presidential spokesman Ari Fleischer said Jan. 31. The fiscal 2002 defense request "will be a lean budget," Fleischer said. Still, the pay raise for service members that President Bush promised when he was campaigning for the office seems safe.

The 2002 budget submission "will reflect the President's campaign promises to increase the pay for the military" and to improve their housing, Fleischer said.

Troops in Europe safe from "Mad Cow"

By following prudent guidelines, U.S. service members and their families living in Europe should not fear catching the human derivative of the so-called mad cow disease, DoD veterinary officials say.

A traveler's advisory issued by the Centers for Disease Control for U.S. citizens in Europe notes that "the relative risk of becoming infected with BSE is very small, if it exists at all," said Army Col. Scott Severin, deputy director of DoD's Veterinary Service Activity. "BSE" is short for Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, or what the media and public have dubbed "mad cow disease," he said.

Since March 1996, DoD has not purchased beef from the United Kingdom for commissaries, dining halls, post exchange outlets and authorized vendors to avoid possible customer contact with BSE, he said.

"The beef our service members are eating in the dining facilities comes from the U.S.," Severin said. "The meats being sold through Army and Air Force Exchange Service through the shoppettes or through the commissaries are all from the U.S. or from countries outside of Europe where there's no evidence of BSE."

Black History in the Navy

February is Black History Month, an opportunity to celebrate the many contributions and accomplishments African-Americans have made not only in the history of our nation, but in the history of the U.S. Navy as well.

Capt. Robert L. Ford, special assistant for minority affairs to the Chief of Naval Personnel, believes that observing Black History Month Navy-wide provides a great opportunity to recognize all individuals whose contributions have upheld the Navy's core values of honor, courage and commitment.

"Our Navy thrives on the contributions of a diverse service, from seaman to admiral, and African American History Month allows us an additional opportunity to celebrate the unique and outstanding accomplishments of our personnel," Ford said.

Ford said there are currently more than 70,000 African-Americans serving the U.S. Navy on active duty, Reserve, or civilian capacity.

Historically, the Navy has many reasons to celebrate the accomplishments of its African-American service members.

Vice Adm. Samuel L. Gravely became the Navy's first African American flag officer in 1971. Gravely enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve in 1942 and retired as Vice Adm. in 1980.

Petty Officer (MA) Dorie Miller was decorated with the Navy Cross for his heroism aboard USS West Virginia (BB 48) during WWII. USS Miller (FF 1091), named in honor of Petty Officer Miller, was commissioned in June 1973.

Navy history continues to be made.

In August 2000, Rear Adm. Barry C. Black became the first African-American to serve

as the Navy Chief of Chaplains, the Navy's highest position in the chaplain corps.

Cmdr. Bruce Grooms, with Atlantic Fleet's Nuclear Propulsion Examination Board, received the 2000 National Society of Black Engineer's Golden Torch Award for Lifetime Achievement in Government. Grooms also received the 1999 Vice Adm. Stockdale Award for outstanding leadership.

Lt. Cmdr. Jesse King, operations officer with Strike Fighter Squadron 122 in Lemoore, Calif., won the 2001 Black Engineer of the Year Award for Professional Achievement in Government.

Petty Officer Steven Mays, USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67), proudly represented the Navy during the 2000 Summer Olympics in wrestling competition.

And until recently, not many would have recognized the name of Retired Master Chief Petty Officer Carl Brashear until Hollywood made a movie about his life in the Navy. Brashear served in the Navy from 1948 to 1979 and overcame racial discrimination to become the Navy's first African-American Master Diver. Brashear's struggle is recounted in the motion picture "Men of Honor," a title which encompasses countless others who have made significant contributions to the Navy.

This year's national theme, selected by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), is "Creating and Defining the African American Community: Family, Church, Politics and Culture."

For more information, access the Minor Affairs (00J) web site at <http://www.bupers.navy.mil/mentor>. A schedule of local events is on page 9.

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MEETINGS

Tiger Day

A base-wide meeting for Tiger Day will be held at the Gateway Galley, Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. Anyone interested in volunteering for the event is encouraged to attend. Call ext. 3232 for more information.

RAMIC

The Retired American Military Iberian Council will meet Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 1 p.m. at the Spanish Club. All retirees, their wives, widows of retirees and wannabes are invited. A Dutch-treat luncheon will follow in the NCO dining room. Call John Canty for more information, at 956-85-7890.

AAHC meeting

African-American Heritage Committee will be meeting every first and third Friday in the Naval Hospital Galley at 5:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held Feb. 10.

Weight Loss Support

On Monday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m., in the Family Practice Conference Room, Rota's Weight Loss Support Group, coordinated by TOPS (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) will hold an open house for those interested in joining. A dietician will answer any questions about nutrition. Plus, there will be information available on diets, nutrition, and exercise. Call Laurie at 956-48-1407 or Laura at ext. 4639.

Tax preparations

The Naval Legal Service Office, Rota, has kicked off tax preparations. All service members, dependents, retired military, and DoD civilians are eligible to receive free tax preparation. Each command has its own tax center responsible for preparing tax returns for its members. Call your command's tax center to make an appointment. If you have trouble locating the number to your command or you are not attached to a command, call the Central Rota Tax Center at ext. 2758.

NFCU

Navy Federal Credit Union will not be closing Feb. 9, at noon. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the installation of their teller counters will be postponed until further notice.

DRMO

DRMO will have a "Cash & Carry" sale Friday, Feb. 9, from 9 a.m.- noon. From refrigerators to VCRs, this is an opportunity to buy some used goods at a great price.

Valentine cookies

The 625th AMSS Booster Club is taking orders until Feb. 9 for a Valentine cookie and a personal message to be hand-delivered on Valentine's Day to that someone special. The cost is \$3. Deliveries will also be made to DGF High School and Elementary. Call Tina at ext. 2355 for more information.

Gateway Luncheon

A special luncheon will be offered at the Gateway Galley Feb. 14. The menu is: french on-

ion soup, prime rib of beef, shrimp scampi, seasoned wild rice, whipped potatoes, sauteed mushrooms and onions, steamed broccoli, corn on the cob, strawberry short cake, assorted cream puffs, chocolate cake, decorated cake, dinner rolls, salad bar, beverage bar, and speedline.

OCSC Art Show

Officers and Civilians Spouses' Club is looking for artists to participate in their Que Arte Tanemos art show Mar. 2, from 6-9 p.m., at the DGF multi-purpose room. Tables cost \$20 or 3,500 pesetas. For more information, call Kim Diaz at 956-48-0046 or Anita Santos at 956-48-0893.

Community grants

Officers and Civilians Spouses' club/community grant applications will be available until Feb. 16. Applications can be picked up at Fleet & Family Support Center, the Library and DGF schools. For more information, call Lisa Roberts at 956-82-4558.

Anniversary Ball

Tickets are now on sale for the 59th Seabee and 134th Civil Engineer Corps Anniversary Ball. The event will be held Mar. 23 at the Hacienda El Pinar in Puerto de Santa Maria. The cost is \$38. Call Begona at ext. 2343 for more information.

Air Terminal Parking

The overflow parking at the Naval Station Air Terminal will be closed until April 27 for renovations. Arrangements must be made to store your vehicle with Security at ext. 2001.

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E D U C A T I O N

University of Oklahoma

The University of Oklahoma is now enrolling new and current students for the Seminar in Leadership Organization class. Class dates are from March 27 - April 1. The enrollment deadline is Feb. 26. Contact the Rota OU field coordinator at ext. 2799 or aprota@ou.edu., for more information.

NCLC

Is starting or finishing college a New Year's Resolution for you? If so, then make time for the Navy College Learning Center. The NCLC offers computer-based instruction in language arts, mathematics, reading, science, and social studies, as well as preparation for the ASVAB, CLEPs, SAT, ACT and GED. Programs are individualized and scheduling is flexible. Personal assistance from education professionals is available. NCLC is free to all active-duty military personnel, retirees, reservists, DoD civilians and adult family members. For more information, call ext. 3070 or stop by the NCLC, located in Bldg. 52.

Rota Community College

Rota Community College is holding enrollment for our next term from Feb. 12-16. The term will begin on Feb. 20. Our new classes are: Latin Dancing, Scrapbooking with rubberstamps and Advanced Spanish for children. We are also offering 3 levels of Spanish for adults, Spanish cooking, Sevillana dancing, English as a second language, Beginning/Intermediate Spanish for children and several others. For more information, call

us at ext. 2913, or stop by the Navy Campus, building 52. Class cost is \$30 and the term lasts for one month.

UMUC Master's Degrees

For graduate education that works, enroll in Europe's management information systems, or public administration master's programs. Courses are scheduled in the evening and on weekends. Courses are offered via distance education. Registration for Term IV is March 12-23. For a current schedule or more information, visit our Website at <<http://www.ed.umuc.edu/grad>> or call Carolyn at ext. 2917.

UMUC May Graduation

University of Maryland students expecting to complete requirements for a degree this spring must submit a Diploma Application and a \$50 application fee by Feb. 15 for the May graduation cycle. There will be a recognition ceremony with caps and gowns in May/June, date to be announced. Call ext. 2993, or stop by the office for more information.

City Colleges of Chicago

Do you need a class for your bachelor's degree in Business Administration or Accounting? Try Introductory Cost Accounting, Intermediate Accounting I, Federal Income Tax Accounting, Business Law, Advertising, Selling, Marketing, Finance, or Human Resource Management at City Colleges of Chicago-Europe. All course materials are presently in stock for immediate enrollment. For more information on City Colleges of Chicago's distance education program, contact your field representative at ext. 2574, or ccc_rotal@hotmail.com.

Scholarship Opportunity

The Feb. 15 deadline is approaching for students to apply for \$1,500 scholarships in a new program funded by manufacturers and business partners of the military commissary system. Applications should be returned to a local commissary by close of business Feb. 15. A store official must validate applicants' eligibility by checking their dependent ID cards. Applicants must have a 3.0 grade point average and write a short essay on "What Being a Military Dependent Means to Me." Application forms are available at the stores or can be downloaded at <http://www.commissaries.com>.

Scholarship Opportunity

Exchange New Car Sales has created the "Citizen of the Year" Scholarship Program. Students planning to continue their education in an accredited two or four-year college, or vocational school are eligible. "Citizen of the Year" focuses on social responsibility. \$5,000 will be awarded to one outstanding student, second and third place winners will earn \$2,000 and \$500, respectively. For more information, call Gina De Haan at 516-921-2800, ext. 1703.

H.S. Yearbook Sales

The DGF H.S. yearbook is now on sale for \$45 until Feb. when the price will increase to \$50. Parents of seniors may purchase a dedication page for their child. Dedications can include photos, artwork, poems, or letters from family. The cost is: \$25 for a quarter page, \$50 for a half page, and \$100 for a full page. The deadline for dedications is Wed., Jan. 31. Call ext. 4181.

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Put your beliefs into action

CHAPLINE

by Chaplain Larry Lott

College freshman Wang Dan could have opted to focus on his studies and personal goals, and most of all, having fun. Instead he summoned his courage to be at the forefront of the pro-democracy movement in his native China. That year, 1989, was marked by the Tiananmen Square massacre.

The image of Wang shouting support to his fellow students into a bullhorn the day of the massa-

cre symbolizes his commitment to his beliefs. "Our interest in democracy was based on concerns like freedom of speech," explains Wang, now 30.

Although he was fortunate enough to have escaped the violence of that day, the young activist served nearly four years in prison and was jailed again soon after his release for signing a human rights petition.

Acting on one's convictions demands strength, character, and courage. Your life and the lives around you are enriched and inspired whenever you put your beliefs into action.

Worship Schedule

Feb. 10	6pm	Roman Catholic Mass
Feb. 11	9 am	Roman Catholic Mass
	9 am	Protestant Communion Service
	10:30 am	CCD at DGF
	10:30 am	Protestant Contemporary Service
	Noon	Roman Catholic Mass
	1:30 pm	Gospel Service
	6pm	Protestant Evening Program at DGF

CREDO

A CREDO Personal Growth Retreat will be held Mar. 9-11. During this free retreat, participants will have an opportunity to reflect on the past, present, and future of their lives. Contact Chaplain Gore at ext. 2161 for registration and information.

GOOD WORD FOR THE WEEK

One man with courage is a majority
- Andrew Jackson

Listen to Chapline every weekday at 0715 and 1615 on Hot 102.5 FM! If you miss a Chapline, you can access them on the web by clicking on "Base Chapel" under the resource section on the Naval Station web page, www.rota.navy.mil

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FLEET AND FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

call ext. 3232 for information

"February is National Child Passenger Safety Month."

Parents and Tots "free play" playgroup

This playgroup is for parents with children ages birth to four years. The children have fun during free play, or unstructured playtime. Parents, while also having fun with their child/children, talk and share ideas with other parents. This playgroup is held every Wednesday in room 1610, DGF School.

**This playgroup will meet from 10:30-12:30 a.m.*

Volunteer Recognition

Submit nominations for "Volunteer of the Year" and "Helping Hand of the Year". Send your nominations Feb. 1-28, to the Volunteer Coordinator, Kathy

Arcement, Fleet & Family Support Center.

Structured Playgroup for Parents and Tots

Enjoy creative activities to awaken your child's awareness and develop a lifelong closeness between you and your child.

The structured playgroup meets on Fridays from 10-11 a.m., in DGF Room 1610.

Feb. 9.....Story time with Deanna Ages: 9 to 18 months

Feb. 16..... Story time with Deanna Ages: Birth to 9 months

Feb. 23..... Story time with Deanna Ages: 2 1/2 to 4 years

Spanish Class Registration

Registration for Spanish Classes will begin Feb.12. The term is from Feb. 26 - April 5.

Smooth Move

February 15, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

Are you getting ready to make a PCS move? Are you wondering what you can prepare in advance? Our Smooth Move workshop will help you to arrange your move step-by-step. Learn how to apply for travel allowances, plan a relocation budget, as well as getting tips from Personal Property, Housing, Customs and more. **See your Command Career Counselor to register. Members are mandated to attend six to three months prior to their departure.*

Vouchers

Vouchers for childcare have been cancelled due to funding.

ICR is the only program that will continue to give vouchers for childcare.

Black History Month Events:

Feb. 6-9 Story Telling at DGF Elementary, various times, call 2803

Feb. 12-15 Story Telling at DGF Elementary, various times, call 2803

Feb. 8 MLK/FLOJO 5K Walk/Run, Gym, noon, call 2639

Feb. 12-16 Battle of the Commands/Black History Knowledge Bowl, Base Theater, various times, call 3248

Feb. 20-23 DGF High School Black History Month Knowledge Bowl, TBA, call 3248

Feb. 23 Black History Month Luncheon, Galley, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., call 1894

Feb. 24 ShowCase Entertainment Talent Event, TBA, call 2639

Feb. 25 Black History Gospel Fest & Kids Gospel Talent Segment, Base Chapel, 3-6 p.m., call 1894

CABLES

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put a more modern system in, he said.

Though the public works department has worked diligently in conducting maintenance on the cables, it was time for a change. It was time to put a modern system in, he said.

Residents living in base housing, said Johnston, should not experience disruption during the cable switch, and should anticipate a better picture when the new cable is replaced. The cable system should be completed at the end of May.

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DOMINGO	LUNES	MARTES	MIÉRCOLES	JUEVES	VIERNES	SÁBADO
FEBRUARY/FEBRERO American Heart Month MARCH/MARZO National Eye Donor Month				8 Boy Scouts Day (anniversary of Boy Scouts - 1910) MLK/FLOJO 5K Fun Run , noon, base gym, call 3640 PWOC Thurs. Bible Study , 10 a.m., Chapel, call 2161	9 Captain's Cup Awards & Athlete of the Year Luncheon, 2-4 p.m., Reflections Rabies vaccination required for all dogs and cats in Rota, call 3149	10 Free & Reduced lunch tickets for DGF, call 4444
11 IG Team in Rota (until 23 Feb) Catholic CCD , 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., DGF, call 2161 Protestant Sunday Night Program , 6 - 8 p.m., DGF, call 2161	12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday (Born 1809)	13 RAMIC meets, 1 p.m., Spanish Sub Oficiales Club	14 Valentine's Day PWOC Wed. Bible Study , Chapel, 12:30 p.m., call 2161 Free Pool , Champions, call 2433	15 Joint Advisory Board (JAB) meeting, 9:15 a.m., Chapel, call 1680 PWOC Thurs. Bible Study , Chapel, 10 a.m., call 2161	16 Check out the Rota Web Site at http://www.rota.navy.mil	17 Price Protection at NEX...protected for 14 days. Check with NEX for details.
18 No Religious Education programs today	19 President's Day (Holiday) Weight Loss Support Group , 7 p.m., Hospital, call 4639	20 Lt. Col. John Glenn, USMC, becomes first American to orbit Earth (1962)	21 DGF H.S. SAC meeting, 4 p.m., H.S. Library Free Pool , Champions, call 2433 PWOC Wed. Bible Study , Chapel, 12:30 p.m., call 2161	22 George Washington's Birthday (Born 1732) Tiger Day Meeting , 2 p.m., Gateway Galley, call 3232 DGF H.S. SAC meeting , 4 p.m., H.S. Library Free Pool , Champions, call 2433	23 IG Team departs Rota Black History Month Luncheon , 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Galley, call 1894 Supply Corps. birthday (1795)	24 Mardi Gras, begins Rota, call 2813
25 Catholic CCD, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., DGF, call 2161 Black History Gospel Fest & Kids' Gospel Talent Segment , 3-6 p.m., Chapel, call 1894 Protestant Sunday Night Program , 6 - 8 p.m., DGF, call 2161	26 Mardi Gras begins, El Puerto, call 2813	27 DGF Elem. SAC, 1550, Parent Connection Room	28 Ash Wednesday (First day of Lent) Parents & Tot , 10:30-11:30 a.m., DGF, Rm. 1610, call 3232 Day of Andalucia (Andalucian Holiday)	1 NMCRS Drive begins Sponsor Training , 9:30-11:30 a.m., FFSC, call 3232	2 DGF College Day, 2:30-3:30 p.m., MPR, call 4698 OCSC Art Show , 6-9 p.m. DGF MPR	3 Navy Medical Corps established
4 Catholic CCD, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., DGF, call 2161 Protestant Sunday Night Program , 6 - 8 p.m., DGF, call 2161	5 Parent Support Group, 4-5 p.m., FFSC, call 3232	6 Feeding your baby & toddler, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., FFSC, call 3232	7 PWOC Wed. Bible Study, Chapel, 12:30 p.m., call 2161 Resume Writing , 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., FFSC, call 3232	8 Separating in Spain, 10 a.m.-noon, FFSC, call 3232 Toastmasters , 7 p.m., Hospital Conference Room PWOC Thurs. Bible Study , Chapel, 10 a.m., call 2161	9 Personal Growth Retreat call 2161	10 Personal Growth Retreat call 2161

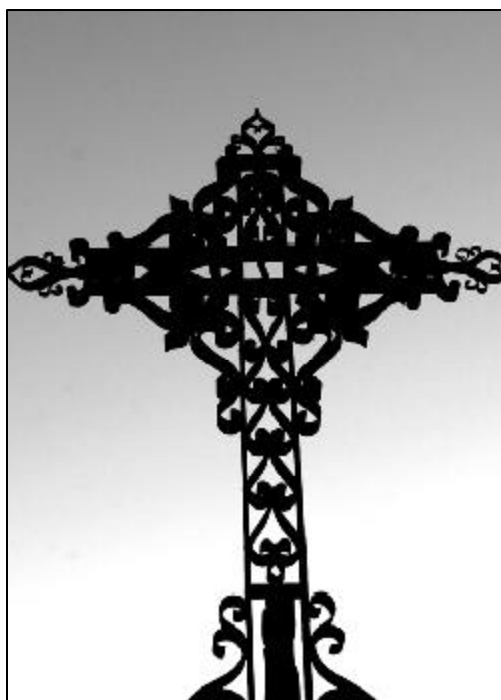
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In the center of Zafra, the highlight of the town, the Alcazar of the Duques de Feria was built between 1437 and 1443.



This cross presides over the Plaza Chica.

Zafra, a taste of Extremadura

Story and photos by PH1(AW) Ron Heppner

Once again, this weekend I took to the rails. This time I headed north into the province of Extremadura and the town of Zafra.

Almost any tourist book will tell you Extremadura is the wild west of Spain, and that there isn't much for tourists in the most unexplored region of Spain. The irony is that most of the conquistadors came from Extremadura. When you think about it, it's kind of funny. They didn't have time to look around their own neighborhood before they went off to subdue the new world?

If you've never taken a trip north by train, I highly recommend it. As you travel north, the gentle rolling pastures of Andalucia gradually give way to the rugged terrain of the Sierra Morena. Among the cork tree orchards and the rocky ravines, you will see flocks of sheep being ushered around by their shepherds and dogs. Herds of cows and bulls meander about chomping grass. I won-

dered if they were fighting bulls.

It was dark when the train stopped at the station in Zafra and I really didn't have a clue about the place because the guidebook was so vague. Outside, the station was pretty run down and I wondered if I had made a mistake as the train left the station. I didn't know which way to go, so I started walking toward the lights. There was an abundance of car repair shops and I thought that maybe I should have push-started my Citroen and driven it up here to have the starter repaired.

The city center is about 15 minutes by foot and at night the town's main attraction, the Alcazar Duques de Feria, is lighted. My first order of business was to find a place to stay. On the train I read that Hernan Cortes, the conquistador, had stayed in the Hotel Parador next door to the Alcazar. I figured it would be cool to say I stayed in the same hotel as a conquistador but when I found out how much it cost for a night, I understood why Cortes stayed there. He could

Vista

afford it after plundering the gold and silver of South America. I opted for the more reasonably priced Hotel Don Quixote that I found on a little side street near the Plaza Grande.

The restaurants and bars have a rustic appeal to them. You will find a lot of stone work, wooden beams, fireplaces, and deer antlers. I asked for a menu del día while insisting that I didn't want beef because it scares me. I wound up with chunks of pork, potatoes, and vegetables smothered in a hearty brown gravy. I thought the food was really fitting for the atmosphere.

At night the Plaza Grande and Plaza Chica rocks with a dozen bars blaring music into

the plazas crowded with young people.

In the morning I wandered around taking in the sights. If asked to describe Zafra in one word, I would say, unpretentious. During the day Zafra looks run down. Plaza Grande and Plaza Chica are surrounded by abandoned buildings with peeling paint and broken windows. As I walked around everything seemed past its prime, but somehow I thought it added to the town's unpretentious charm.

If you make the trip by train, make sure you plan your stay around the train schedule because only one train comes to Zafra, and only one brings you back to Sevilla.



Storks pick the highest places of Extremadura to build their nests.



In the 16th century, bullfights took place in the Plaza Grande in the center of Zafra.

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Abandoned buildings looming above the Plaza Grande.



Really fancy mail boxes.



The Plaza Grande doubles as a parking lot.



The Iglesia Candelaria.

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Today

1 **Painting Exhibition** by Javier Buzón. Sala Rivadavia, Cádiz, through Feb. 23.

1 **Photography Exhibition** by David Jimenez. Caja S. Fernando, C/Ramón de Carranza 26-27, Cádiz, through Feb. 18. Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.

1 **Painting Exhibition** by Denis Long. Art Gallery Benot, Cadiz, through Feb. 18. Hours: Mon-Fri, 6-9 p.m.

1 **Photography Exhibition** by Manolo Torres. Centro Cultural "El Palillero", Plaza del Palillero, Cadiz, through Feb. 17. Hours: Mon-Fri, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-9 p.m.

1 **Photography Exhibition** by Bruno Phillip. Café Pub Blanco y Negro, Calle Ricardo Alcón, 10, El Puerto, through Feb. 15. Hours: 5 p.m. to early in the morning.

1 **Collection of Photography** about the Spanish Civil War. Centro Cultural Alfonso X El Sabio, Calle Larga 89, El Puerto. Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.

1 **Tarot Exhibition**. A group of artists display a collective exhibition about their view of the Tarot. Milagro Delicado Art Gallery, C/Diego Niño, 2, El Puerto. Hours: 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 6-8:30 p.m.

1 **Music**. Concert by Clara Montes, at Sala Central

Lechera, Plaza de Arguelles, Cadiz, 9 p.m. Admission: 1.000 ptas.

1 **Movie**. "El Espíritu de la Colmena" of Victor Erice (Spain). Fundacion Alcalde Z. Ruiz-Mateos, C/ Charco, Rota, 6 p.m.

1 **Flamenco**. Victor Monge "Serranito", Julian Vaquero and Victor Monge "Junior". Casino Bahía de Cadiz, 10 p.m.

Friday

1 **3rd Antique Music Fest**. "Alia Musica" Judaeo-Spanish spiritual canto. Monasterio de la Victoria, El Puerto, 9 p.m. Information and tickets, 956-860-653.

1 **Lytic**. "La Flauta Magica" (The Magic Flute) of W. A. Mozart. Teatro Villamarta, Plaza Romero Martinez s/n, Jerez. Information and tickets 956-860-653

1 **Concert**. "100 years of Carnival of Cadiz" Popular Music from Cadiz, centuries 18^a and 20^a, by the Orchestra Manuel de Falla. Palacio de Congresos y Exposiciones, Cadiz, 8 p.m. Admission: 1.200 ptas.

1 **Theater**. Elastico Teatro presents "Objetos Perdidos". Sala Central Lechera, Plaza de Arguelles, Cadiz, 9 p.m. Admission: 600 ptas.

1 **Flamenco**. The Flamenco School "Paco Cepero" in El

Negro, 3, El Puerto, 10:30 p.m. Information at 956-059-212.

Karaoke Nights at Reflections—Join the fun at Reflections every Friday and Saturday night from 8 p.m. – closing. Call ext. 2851 or ext. 2617 for details.

Body Composition Testing—It's never too late in the week to make an appointment. Know where you stand concerning your body fat. Call the Fitness Center at ext. 2563, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. for details.

Healthy Lifestyles—Learn how to enjoy life though better food, fitness and fun. Call ext. 2563 or 2565 for more information.

Saturday

1 **3rd Antique Music Fest**. "Trigon" (Belgium) School of Notre Dame s. 13^a. Monody and Polyphony. Monasterio de la Victoria, El Puerto, 9 p.m. Information and tickets, 956-860-653.

1 **Theater**. Elastico Teatro presents "Objetos Perdidos". Sala Central Lechera, Plaza de Arguelles, Cadiz, 9 p.m. Admission: 600 ptas.

1 **Movie**. "PI" of Darren Oronofky (EE.UU. 1998). Casino Bahía de Cadiz, 8:30 p.m. The film will be projected in its original version and subtitled in Spanish.

Flea Market—Located at the Drive-In, 9 a.m. – noon. Reserve you

Life Enrichment Classes
Violin and Piano Lessons – Summit Ballroom, Bldg. 48
Highland Dance Classes – Summit Ballroom, Bldg. 48
Call ext. 2527 for more info.

Come Fly With Me!—The Rota Navy Flying Club invites you to begin training so you may earn your Private Pilots Certificate during your stay in Rota. The club offers several classes and a FAA Authorized Computer Testing Center for all FAA writtens, including A&P and FCC tests. Call ext. 5585 or 653082423 (mobile) for further information.

Sunday

1 **Music**. Concert by the Municipal band. Alameda del Banco, (behind McDonald's), Jerez, noon.

1 **Puppets**. The group Atiza from Sevilla presents "El caballero de la mano de fuego". Alameda del Banco (Behind McDonald's), Jerez, 1 p.m.

1 **Snow Skiing**—Two days of skiing in the Sierra Nevada Mountains of Granada. Transportation, insurance, accommodations, dinner, breakfast, equipment and instruction are included. The

MWR Marina Outdoor Adventures is the place to call at ext. 2497 for more information.

Tuesday

1 **Movie**. "El Doctor Akagi" (Kanzo Sensi) of Shoei Imamura (Japan-France 1998). The film will be projected in its original version and subtitled in Spanish. Centro Cultural Caja San Fernando, Plaza de Las Marinas, Jerez, 9 p.m.

1 **Theater**. The group La Machina Teatro presents "El carnaval de los animales". Teatro Villamarta, Plaza Martinez Romero s/n, Jerez, 9 p.m.

Wednesday

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Thursday

Foosball Tournament—Liberty event at Expeditions at 7 p.m. Minimum 6 players needed. Call ext. 2527 for info.

Dance Alive—Pre-dance, Ballet Levels 1-5, Jazz Dance and private lessons now available. Call ext. 2527

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Oral health, preventative measures

Lt. Cmdr. Keith Coe
Dental Clinic, Rota

There are four basic steps that can make a positive impact on a child's oral health. Moderation of dietary sugar intake, proper oral hygiene, access to fluoride, and regular dental check-ups. These are preventive means to reduce the risk of dental disease (decay). This article will focus on fluoride and the dental examination; the following week's article will discuss dietary sugar intake and oral hygiene.

Fluoride has made a large impact on reducing dental decay since the middle of this century, when it was placed in the drinking water. When fluoride comes in contact with the tooth, it helps remineralize the enamel. Recent studies indicate that fluoride may actually reduce the number of bacteria that cause dental decay. Fluoride may be delivered in many forms.

Here in southern Spain, systemic supplementation, or fluoride that is swallowed, is recommended for children between the ages of 3-13 if they reside off base, since this water supply has insufficient fluoride levels. This type of fluoride is primarily intended for the unerupted developing permanent teeth. The base water supply is adequately fluoridated, and no one living

on base should be taking systemic fluoride supplementation. Toothpaste, oral fluoride rinses, and fluorides applied by a dental health provider are topical forms of fluoride. These types of fluoride benefit the teeth that come in contact with the fluoride.

Will "an apple a day keep the doctor away"? Probably not. Regular dental visits allow the dental staff to evaluate the potential for oral disease, answer questions for the parent and patient, establish a positive experience, and promote an awareness of good oral health.

During a child's dental check-up, in addition to the teeth, the growth of the jaws, health of the gums and soft tissues, the jaw joints, and habits that may cause improper dental alignment are evaluated. A follow-up dental visit is made depending on the risk the child has for dental disease. Low risk patients may be seen yearly, moderate risk patients are seen every six months, while patients who present a high risk for dental disease may need to be seen every three months.

Children's Dental Health Month can be a time to revitalize some forgotten dental habits or to develop some new ones. Establishing good dental practices early on can prevent future oral disease and help secure a lifetime of healthy smiles.

On Feb. 8, the Boy Scouts of America celebrate 91 years of tradition, where boys grow up learning values of reverence, trustworthiness, and loyalty. And, as they mature and rise through the ranks of scouting, they pass on those lessons to the younger scouts.

In Boy Scouts of America, troop 73, one Eagle Scout is active as a Junior Assistant Scout Master, giving back to the young boys, by passing down these American values and traditions that he has learned along the way.

But six years ago, Jaime Jimenez Moran joined the Boy Scouts not understanding any English, and five years later, he was the first Spaniard to earn the rank of Eagle Scout.

"It's pretty impressive," said Shane Steece, scout master, "because most American kids don't even get it. It's about three out of every 200 who get it."

"It takes perseverance to do that."

Jimenez's father, Eduardo Fernandez Santiago, encouraged him to join the Boy Scouts when he was 13 years old, because he wanted his son to learn English and talk with different children who had different lives and ideas. In turn, Fernandez hoped that his son would have the opportunity to teach American children about Spanish culture, he said.

Jimenez said the meetings were challenging because he understood very little, but he kept



Jimenez hiking in Grazelema

Boy Scouts celebrate 91 years, one Rota Boy Scout stands out

Heather King Navarrete
Rota Coastline

with it because he was attracted to the scouting philosophy of the Americans.

"I like the American way better because they have ranks and you work to achieve those ranks," he said. By working on merit badges, I was able to learn about first aid and many things that the Spanish don't have."

"It encourages you to learn about something, to make decisions on your own and to find a way. It's discipline."

Since Jimenez's only exposure to English was once a week, for an hour and a half, he never dreamed he could become an Eagle Scout.

"I knew that the Boy Scouts had the big rank called Eagle Scout, but I didn't think I could get it because I had a problem with understanding and speaking English, and I didn't think I could speak well enough," he said.

But, before long, Jimenez found himself standing before the challenge of the Eagle Scout badge and he decided to take it. Steece helped Jimenez with his requirements.

"Learning English was the toughest thing he had to overcome when earning his Eagle Scout," said Steece. "To me, it takes a lot of inner-strength to stick it out."

On Jimenez's 18th birthday, he completed his final requirement necessary to earn his Eagle Scout badge. Although Jimenez acknowledged that this was a great accomplishment in the boy scouting world, he said that it wasn't his most important accomplishment as a boy scout.

"I have learned a new culture," he said. "I have made friends and I have learned about the food, the American community, and the differences between the Americans and the Spanish."

Jimenez's father, who studied in the U.S. in the 1960s while he was a helicopter pilot for the Spanish Navy, agrees with his son.

"These memories are very important because it gives you a sense of security when you learn another's culture," said Fernandez. "He's feeling the same way I felt years ago. When Jaime is 30 or 40 years old, he will be looking back and thinking, 'My father, he's okay...'"

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It may seem a bit premature, but next week will be too late, so Happy Valentine's Day! Many of our advertisers have something special to offer for that day...gifts and special dinners.

Conecta, a new telephone store that opened just three days ago, has a special offer on Amena cell phones – the DUO pack. You get two phones in a single pack and the cost of calls between those two phones is only 5 pesetas a minute. The time of day or the day of the week doesn't matter. The store is located just outside the Rota Gate at Calvario, 95, real close to the Plaza Triunfo. The owner, Francisco, speaks English. You can find lots of good gift ideas – large and small at other shops in Rota. On the main walking street in downtown is **Nuestra Artesanía**, a very attractive store. You'll find lots of wrought iron furniture and decorative items; other types of auxiliary furniture, sets of dishes, ceramic pieces and much, much more. Not far from there, on Avenida San Fernando, you will find the gift shop, **Giovi**, with a wide range of gifts from mementos to amber jewelry to Capodimonte Porcelain Dolls to porcelains, crystal, tiled mirror and ceramics. On María Auxiliadora, the main avenue that runs from the industrial area to downtown, you will find **Teresa's Shop**, not too far from the new Champion supermarket. Here, there are lots of cute little things to help you say "I'm thinking of you," such as special Valentine table centers/dried flower arrangements. Teresa now has lots of new items including lamps and lampshades in lots of colors and styles and of course, she has the collector's "Mariquita Perez" dolls.

In Puerto de Santa María, right downtown on Calle Palacios, 27, there is a brand-new store named **La Fragua**. This store has a very complete selections of beautiful handcrafted iron pieces. The owners, Pedro and Raquel, have brought together carefully executed, unusual and original ironwork pieces. They are even able to oblige your own designs, even the most complicated. Also in downtown Puerto, near the train station, in **La Casa del Mimbre**, you can find lots of neat gifts in rattan, wicker and Mexican style furniture and decorative items.

If you prefer to do most of your shopping under one roof, go to **El Paseo** where you are sure to find lots of interesting choices. For that special Valentine, take a look at what **Matías Lebrón Jewelry** store has to offer. They now have more than their usual special offers coinciding with the winter sales that are still going on at most places.

Another store that has a lot of variety is **Main Outlet**, off to the right of highway NIV as you go from Puerto to Jerez. Here there are things for the whole family and the home. The selec-

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tion changes frequently so you'll always find new things. As promised, this week I have more about some of the special dinners that are being offered for Valentine's Day. **Restaurante Mediterranea**, the new restaurant on Avenida San Fernando in downtown Rota, will be offering a champagne dinner on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14. There will be a token Valentine for all, a welcome cocktail with original appetizers; a choice of special hors d'oeuvres or artichokes with clams for the 1st course; stuffed leg of lamb or stuffed salmon for the main course; choice of dessert, wine, champagne and coffee. The price is 9,000 pesetas per couple and reservations are recommended.

Also in Rota and on the 14th, **Restaurante La Cazuela** is offering a special dinner that consists of clams in seafaring sauce, acorn fed ham, cheese and grilled *langostinos* for starters; a choice of pork tenderloin in pepper sauce, veal rib eye, paella for two, *dorada* or swordfish for the main course, a special dessert and the house wine. The price is 7,000 pesetas per couple.

For those who prefer to wait until the weekend or are looking for an excuse to celebrate twice, the **Casino Bahía de Cádiz** will be holding a special Valentine's Day Dinner-Dance on Friday, February 16th starting at 10 p.m. There will be live music by the group "Piel Canela" and lots of door prizes: a piece of jewelry, leather articles, a weekend at the Hotel Melia El Caballo Blanco, special gifts from the Casino, a trip and a welcome flower. The menu consists of a variety of appetizers, a cream soup, pear sorbet with cinnamon liqueur, Iberian pork tenderloin Rossini in a pie crust with stir fried vegetables and potatoes, little pastries and cream puffs for dessert, coffee, water, wine, beer, soft drinks, champagne and a long drink. The price is 5,500 per person. Reservations are recommended.

Make the upcoming President's Day Weekend a special Valentine's treat by taking off to the **Hotel Puerta de la Villa** in Grazalema. If you say you saw the ad in the Coastline when you make your reservations, you will get a 10% discount. See the ad on page 19 for more information. I stayed there last year and can attest that it is a very nice hotel with a great restaurant, and there is a lot to see and do in the surrounding area.

Next time you visit someplace, let me know what you thought. Let's hear from you! Share with others information about your favorite spots and shops. Contact me by e-mail at coastpub@retemail.es, by fax at 956-542997 or by phone at 956-542997 or 607-564132.

SEPARATIONS

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sis, said Armando Ochotorena, drug and alcohol program advisor, Naval Station, Rota.

"Ecstasy is an amphetamine-based drug and is tested for by Navy Drug Screening Labs," he said.

At the next Navy Drug and Alcohol Advisory Meeting, new educational materials will be distributed that will help all base DAPAs and training petty officers educate Sailors through training sessions and Plan of the Week notes, he said. More than 84 percent of last year's drug separations were single Sailors. Therefore, commanding officers have been tasked with strengthening single Sailor initiatives to help Sailors better occupy their time and make them feel like they are part of the Navy family.

CREDIT

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ment travel card should not ignore payments when he or she is aware of the amount owed, said Lt. Cmdr. James Felty, officer-in-charge, PSD.

People should pay their bill immediately to avoid risk of bad credit. The card is just like a credit card, and the only difference is that the government owns it. This should make people serving in military, or working for the government, take their government travel card payments more seriously, he said.

INSPECTION

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what is right here and let them know what is wrong."

Private consultations with the Naval Inspector General are being scheduled for community members who were not chosen for focus groups, or who would like to address concerns confidentially, said Porter.

In six to eight weeks, the IG team will issue a formal report, advising the Naval Station about changes that could improve quality of life here, said Porter.

To make an appointment for a confidential consultation with the NAVINSGEN, call Porter at ext. 2310.

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WEEKEND MOVIES

FRIDAY, FEB. 9

Stargate - An ancient interstellar "stargate" transports a sensitive scientist and team of commandos to a planet inhabited by a race of slaves resembling ancient Egyptians who worship the god Ra.

Cracking good special effects, a well thought out plot and plenty of action make this one of the best sci-fi epics since *Star Wars*. Starring Kurt Russell, James Spader, Jaye Davidson, and Viveca Lindfors. (120 min, Science Fiction, 1984, TV-PG) **AFN 1:05 A.M.**

To Be Or Not To Be - When the nazis start rounding up the Jews of Warsaw, a Polish ham actor cooks up the role of a lifetime to save his theatre troupe.

This remake of the 1942 Jack Benny comedy features some big laughs, plus the funniest rendition of "Sweet Georgia Brown" ever seen on screen. Starring Mel Brooks, Anne Bancroft, Charles Durning, and Jose Ferrer. (120 min, Comedy, 1983, TV-PG) **AFN 3:10 A.M.**

SATURDAY, FEB. 10

French Kiss - A timid American with a fear of flying finds herself reluctantly falling in love with a roguish French jewel smuggler.

Starring Meg Ryan, Kevin Kline, Timothy Hutton, and Jean Reno. (120 min, Romance Comedy, 1995, TV-PG)
AFN 1:05 A.M.

SUNDAY, FEB. 11

The Stepsister From Planet Weird - A teenager finds her life disrupted when her mom falls for a single father, who just happens to be a space alien. Starring Courtnee Draper, Tamara Hope, Lance Guest, and Khrystine Haje. (120 min, Juvenile Comedy, 2000, TV-G) **AFN 9A.M.**

The Great Waldo Pepper - In the 1920s, a barnstorming pilot nearly sends his career down in flames as he struggles to win the glory he missed during World War I.

One of the best aviation films ever made. Starring Robert Redford, Bo Svenson, Margot Kidder, Edward Hermann, and Susan Sarandon. (120, Action Comedy/Drama, 1975, TV-PG) **SPEC 10 P.M.**

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6 p.m. Proof of Life (PG-13)
8:30 p.m. Dude, Where's My Car (PG-13)

Friday

7 p.m. Dude, Where's My Car (PG-13)
9:30 p.m. Vertical Limit (PG-13)
Midnight: Proof of Life (PG-13)

Saturday

3 p.m. Emperor's New Groove (G)
7 p.m. The Family Man (PG-13)
9:30 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons (PG-13)
Midnight: Vertical Limit (PG-13)

Sunday

3 p.m. Rugrats in Paris (G)
6 p.m. Miss Congeniality (PG-13)
8:30 p.m. The Family Man (PG-13)

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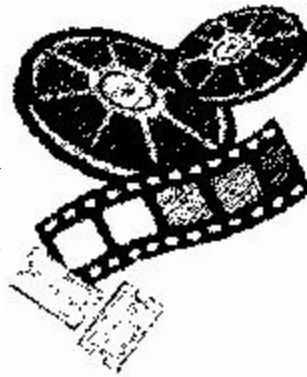
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MOVIES



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PG – Parental Guidance Suggested, Some material may not be suitable for children
PG-13 – Parents Strongly Cautioned, Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13
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DRIVE - IN

Friday 8 p.m. The Family Man (PG-13)

Saturday 8 p.m. Rugrats in Paris (G)

Sunday 8 p.m. Dungeon & Dragons (PG-13)

The Family Man (PG-13: for sensuality and some language)

Romantic Comedy; Nicholas Cage & Téa Leoni (126 min)
One morning, Jack Campbell woke up and everything had changed. This single Wall Street businessman has been given a second chance to see what his life would have been like had he married and raised a family.

Miss Congeniality (PG-13: for sexual references and some language)
Comedy; Sandra Bullock and Benjamin Bratt (113 min). When a terrorist threatens to bomb the Miss U.S. Pageant, the FBI rushes to find a female undercover as a contestant. The only agent available prides herself on being "just one of the boys" and is horrified at becoming a girly girl for the assignment.

Emperor's New Groove (G: General audiences)
Comedy; Voices of David Spade & Eartha Kitt (78 min.) An arrogant young Emperor is transformed into a llama by his power-hungry advisor and finds himself stranded in the jungle. He meets a good-hearted peasant who agrees to help him get back to his throne. Together, they must deal with hair-raising dangers and wild comic predicaments in this exciting adventure.

Dungeons & Dragons (PG-13: for fantasy action violence)
Fantasy Action; Jeremy Irons, Thora Birch (107 min.)
Based on the classic role-playing fantasy-adventure game. Large selection of actors play a rag tag group of adventurers seeking to foil the plans of an evil wizard.

Dude, Where's My Car? (PG-13: language, some sex & drug related humor)
Comedy; Ashton Kutcher & Seann William Scott (83 min)
After a wild night of partying, two young adults wake up with terrible hangovers and no memory of what happened the night before. The search is on as the duo attempts to retrace their steps in an effort to figure out what happened to their car.

Rugrats in Paris (G: general audiences)
Animated comedy; Voices of: Christine Cavanaugh & John Lithgow (85 min)
Little Chuckie wants his single father to remarry so he can get a new mommy. When the father of his pal Tommy gets assigned to go to Paris on business, taking the whole Rugrats gang with him, Chuckie thinks up a perfect scheme for getting a new mom.

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1990 NISSAN BLUEBIRD: Excellent car for travel and work. PCSing soon, must sell. Make offer. Serious calls only. Contact P.O. Hatman at Ext. 3651.

1990 ALFA ROMEO 4 Door, 1.3 liter, looks great, runs great, many extras. Must sell, owner leaves in two weeks. For information call 657-23-0514.

1992 RENAULT CHAMADE TS: A/C, radio/cassette, excellent condition. ITV good until July 2002. Available upon receipt of payment. \$4000 O.B.O. Contact Danny Parks, Ext. 2950.

1988 FORD FIESTA XR2: 96 H.P., one owner, excellent condition, 117000 KM. Well maintained, Spanish taxes paid, ITV valid until 02/02, \$1500 O.B.O. Call 956-85-6871.

1990 BMW 318is: Red, 2 door, 5 speed, approx. 72,100 miles. ITV valid until 09/01. AM/FM radio, alarm, A/C, power windows. Price includes CD/tape deck converter and Sony CD Discman. Also includes emergency roadside repair kit and maps of Spain and Portugal. Recently detailed, excellent condition. Asking \$5700 O.B.O. Call LT. Michelle Lawrence at Ext. 3563 or leave message at 81-5617. E-mail: mklawrence@rota.med.navy.mil.

1984 FORD ESCORT: 4 door, new rear brakes, power windows, new ITV and insurance. Ready to sell in March. Asking \$1,300. Call 2375 or 649-64-7989, PO3 Fleurant.

1990 FORD FIESTA: Great condition, shiny red acrylic paint. Good engine, battery, cassette, AM/FM radio, Economical 1st or 2nd car. A steal at \$1800. Call Joan

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1986 BMW 323i: European specs; well maintained \$3000 OBO. Call: 956-82-4928.

CHEVY CAVALIER: Original owner, Well Maintained, 80K Miles, Excellent Condition, \$2500 OBO, contact: GMC BEIDELMAN, WK: 2035 home: 956-84-1572.

1991 FORD SIERRA 2.0i GHIA: (European vers F. Taurus). Great condition. Only 76,000 km, ITV valid until 06-02. \$1800.00 Call Clara on 609385886. available: on/about 02.25.

1992 SEAT IBIZA: 1200, \$2,400. Call Silvia at 2100 or 956-873296.

1989 OPEL KADET: 1600cc, 5 speed, 4 door, huge trunk, new discs breaks, luggage rack, one owner. \$2,000 OBO. Call Kim @ 956480046

FOR SALE

HOUSEHOLD GOODS: Spanish couch and chair, excellent condition, must sell. Make an offer. Halogen lamp, \$15. Computer desk from Pryca, \$35. Small Oak doll bench, \$20. Call P.O. Hatman, Ext. 3651.

GARDEN ANGELS: \$20 for two. Carpets with pads, excellent condition. Light tan, 8x10, \$100 each. Call P.O. Hatman, Ext. 3651.

FOR SALE

WORD PROCESSOR: Smith Corona, 110v, bilingual Spanish/English Spell Right Dictionary with manual. \$45 O.B.O. Call SGT Davis, Ext. 3236, or 956-81-4795 after 1700.

FLOOR VACUUM CLEANER: 220v with bags, (bags can be purchased on base), great on furniture and floors. \$20 O.B.O. Call SGT Davis, Ext. 3236, or 956-81-4795 after 1700.

LEATHER JACKET Women's Liz Baker, large, mid-length, barely worn. \$75 O.B.O. Call SGT Davis, Ext. 3236, or 956-81-4795 after 1700.

LEATHER JACKET Men's weekend size medium, needs zipper and new liner. \$10 O.B.O. Call SGT Davis, Ext. 3236, or 956-81-4795 after 1700.

CD CHANGER: Pioneer 12 disk car CD changer. \$75 O.B.O. Call SGT Davis, Ext. 3236, or 956-81-4795 after 1700.

AMPLIFIER: Rockford Fosgate 2600X Series, 1 Amp. With manual. \$30 O.B.O. Call SGT Davis, Ext. 3236, or 956-81-4795 after 1700.

SUB-WOOFERS: 2 Rockford Fosgate Series 1 Punch 10", with pac protectors. \$30 O.B.O. Call SGT Davis, Ext. 3236, or 956-81-4795 after 1700.

CAR SPEAKERS: 2 Pioneer Premier 6" three-way, \$40 O.B.O. Call SGT Davis, Ext. 3236, or 956-81-4795 after 1700.

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MOUNTAIN BIKE: Ladies, 10

FOR SALE

speed, purple color. Excellent condition, \$60. Call Ext. 4092.

TV TRAY SET Cherrywood, used only once. Sells for \$99 in Penney's catalog, asking only \$60. Call 956-48-0554.

LITTLE TYKES: Dollhouse, with all accessories, great condition. \$15. Little Tykes Teddy Bear toddler bed, pink, includes mattress, perfect condition. Only \$60. Call 956-48-0554.

BUNKBED: Twin, over full size, 1 year old, white, mattresses never used, \$150. Call Ext. 4481 (home), or Ext. 1103 (work).

ELECTRIC RADIATOR: DeLonghi, originally \$200, sell for \$100 O.B.O. Mountain bike, needs work, \$25. Name brand men's shirts (never worn), large or 151/2/32-33, \$10. Call 956-48-0784.

COFFEE MAKER: 220v, 12 cups, \$15. Call Maria at Ext. 2813.

YARD SALE: Sat, Feb. 17, 8 A.M. to 12 P.M. Multi-family yard sale at 1150 Ponce de Leon in base housing. No early birds please.

FURNITURE: Dining Room table w/6 chairs and matching China Cabinet-\$800. Entertainment Center-\$200. Curio Cabinet-\$100. Please call 2317 or 4630.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS: Couch \$100. Kerosene heater \$30. Wetsuit, never used \$60. Transformer wires and connectors already set up, \$25 worth, will sell for \$10. Call 956-82-4928.

BUTANO BOTTLES: \$25 each. Please call 956-82-4073.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS: Electric

FOR SALE

heater (oil filled coil type) 110V (American) used only one season \$35.00. NTSC Pioneer laserdisc player (model CLD-980) with 10 laserdiscs. Programmable, repeat, and more. Plays 3, 5, 8, and 12 inch CDs and laserdiscs. Comes with box, remote, cable, and instructions. \$100. Harman/Kardon 5 disc CD changer model FL8300.

Comes with box, instructions, cable, and remote. Excellent condition, \$100. Please call 956-81-6086.

TWO 12" SUBWOOFER BOXES: (hot box) in excellent condition, each costing \$325.00 and giving it up for both \$500.00 including two 12" s/w speakers jbl gt series in good condition. contact Walter @ 956-48-2223 after 1730.

BOSE ACOUSTIMASS: HT Base Module - \$50. Graco Entertainer Stationary Activity Center, in great shape - \$25. Maternity Clothes \$2-3. Boys Clothes (Infant - 24 Months). Call 4096

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WATERBED (King Size "Somma", Tube type waveless) \$100 (New \$750); Bicycle (Mountain/Street Hybrid) \$100 (New \$800). Both xlt cond. Offer 956-87-3775.

FOR SALE

WHIRLPOOL WASHING MACHINE: Recently refurbished, 110 volts. 17,000 pesetas or best offer. Phone 956-4 8 2 2 4 6 . Contact: bnccarter@earthlink.net

HOUSES/ APARTMENTS

FOR RENT: Townhouse in El Manantial, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, furnished kitchen, living/dining room. 200 meters from the beach. 70,000 pesetas/mo. Includes parking and community fees. Call 956-841100.

FOR RENT: 3 bedroom apartment on Avda. Diputación. Nicely furnished kitchen with all the appliances. Close to the Ocean. Private parking. Owner asking 80,000 ptas. . Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-846221.

Need a really fully and wonderfully furnished/equipped house on a monthly or yearly basis? In the quietest corner of Las Redes (Puerto Posh Area). Up and down, semidetached house. Three bedrooms w/closets (Big master bedroom), 2 1/2 baths, sitting/dining-room, nice kitchen, pantry, storage, patio/porch, big, well-looked-after yard. 150,000 ptas./mo. Community fees and gardener included. Commission free. Call Eloy, English spoken. Attention guaranteed. 956-540044 or cell 679-426377.

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FOR RENT: Large 3 bedroom townhouse in newer part of Rota. Has basement, parking, visiting roof. Excellent condition. Very new. 135.000 ptas. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-846221

FOR RENT: Beautiful beachfront furnished apartment with large terrace. Living/dinning room, 3 bedrooms, fully equipped kitchen, satellite TV, phone, solar heat, underground garage. Very nice. 125.000 pesetas/mo. Call Brigitte at 956-851396 or Coco at 956-480973.

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FOR RENT: Costa Ballena - 10 minutes/10 Km. From the Rota Gate. Furnished/unfurnished townhouse: 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, parking for 2 cars, fireplace. Next to the beach. Luxury resort with pool and yard. 100.000 ptas./mo. negotiable. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-846221.

FOR RENT: Two floor penthouse apartment. 3 bedrooms, 140 sq. meters. 2 large balconies, very large and nicely furnished kitchen. Enclosed garage. Owner asking 120.000 ptas. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-846221.

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FOR RENT: Just built townhouse in a very nice, new area of Rota. 3 bedrooms, baths, new kitchen cabinets, parking and great neighborhood. 100.000 ptas./mo. negotiable. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-846221.

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BOOK CLUB: Interested in beginning a Women's Book Discussion Club? Questions or interested people please contact Christen at Ext. 4790 or Tajat at Ext. 4936.

SPANISH TUTOR: English spoken. Teaching experience. Call 619-011196.

Maid: Hardworking, trustworthy. A cleaning dynamo. For references call 956 480784.

RAWL BAKE SALE: Video Mart, Saturday, Feb. 10th, 10:00 - 3:00.

NEED FURNITURE RESTORED, RE-FINISHED, OR PAINTED? Call José Manuel at

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627-578083. Also, wall treatments, faux finishes etc.

INTENSIVE SPANISH COURSES: All levels - Trinity School. For information, call 956-871926.

VERY ELEGANT FUR COAT: (seal with mink), size 8-10, princess style. Designer model from Germany. Natural beige, silky brown color. Like new. Asking \$650 OBO. Call Brigitte at 956-851396 or Coco at 956-480973.

PETS

FOUND: Siberian Husky, 7-10 months old. Call 3149.

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PRAYERS

Prayer to St. Joseph over 1900 years old. Oh St. Joseph whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the Throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh, St. Joseph do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, so that having engaged here below your Heavenly power I may offer my Thanksgiving and Homage to the Loving of Fathers. Oh St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He

reposes near your hear: Press him in my name and kiss His fine Head for me, and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, Patron for departing souls, pray for us. Amen. Say for nine consecutive mornings for anything you may desire. It has seldom been known to fail. Amen Jess López.

EMPLOYMENT

Financial Assistant, GS-0503-04/05
CLOSES: 9 Feb 01
Legal Clerk (O/A), GS-0986-5
CLOSES: 12 Feb 01
Supply Technician, GS-2005-07
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SPORTS

Base students compete in San Lucar equestrian events

Local Sports



with Scot Wilson

On Saturday, Feb. 3, the 2001 show-jumping season kicked off after a month of rain delays. The Centro Hipica de San Lucar de Barrameda at the mouth of the Guadalquivir River was the venue for the day's competition. The event was an arena jumping course over nine or 10 fences and walls at heights from 50 centimeters to 1 meter and 20 centimeters. (roughly, 2 - 4 feet)

Three Rota Navy Base students competed with about 60 contestants from as far away as



Erin McNulty on the one meter course

San Fernando and Seville in the 80cm, 1 meter, 1 meter 10, and 1 meter 20 class. Caitlin Holden, a DGF fourth grader and daughter of Dave and Kathy Holden, had a good round at 80 centimeters, receiving only four penalty points for bumping one barrier. In the 1 meter round both Erin McNulty and Caitlin Wilson had clear rounds but failed to medal, due to completing the course three and five seconds behind the winner respectively. In 1 meter and 10 centimeters, daughter of Mike and Renee McNulty, again barely missed a medal with 4 penalty points for knocking one barrier. In the final event of the day, Caitlin Wilson, thirteen-year-old daughter of James and Kathy Wilson, and her horse Esplendido won the Gran Trofeo of the San Lucar de Barrameda Show Jumping competition with the only "clear round" over the final height of 120 centimeters.

All three girls are students of Antonio Niño at the Escuela Hipica school of Rota.

SPORTS BRIEFS

RGA Golf Membership Scramble

The first RGA membership tournament of the year, Feb. 24., is a 4-person scramble with a minimum team handicap of 55. Fee is \$10 per person, including green and entry fees. For more information call the Rota Pro Shop at ext. 2260 or Randy James at rljames@rota.med.navy.mil

Rota Hash Harriers

Meet on Feb. 10 at the parking lot by the Rota gate at noon. Contact Kris Runaas at 956-48-2147 or krunaas@hotmail.com

Captain's Cup Soccer

Rosters are due by Mar. 12. The season begins Mar. 26. Call ext. 1916 for more info.

Valentine's 10K Run

Begins at noon, Feb. 14, at the Golf Course-hole 15 near Reflections' parking lot. Awards to 1st and 2nd place in each age division. Call ext. 1916 for more details.

9th Biathlon Ciudad de Chiclana

The biathlon will be held on Feb. 25 in Chiclana. Distances: 5,000 meter run, 15,000 meters bicycle (mountain bike) and 2,500 meter run. Categories: Male and Female. Start at 11 a.m. at Pinar Publico de la Barrosa. Admission: 1,000 ptas. Free T-shirt for every registered runner. For registration and more information call the Community Relations Office, ext. 2813.



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Greg Eismen defeats Tom Johnson during Captain's Cup racquetball.

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Jan. 30	AIMD vs. NSGA	AIMD	45-29
Jan. 30	NAVSTA vs. PSD	PSD	40-34
Jan. 30	VQ-2 vs. MARINES	MARINES	54-34
Feb. 01	PSD vs. NSGA	PSD	56-61
Feb. 01	MARINES vs. AIMD	AIMD	FOREFEIT
Feb. 01	VQ-2 vs. NAVSTA	NAVSTA	46-39
Standings as of Feb. 2, 2001			
1. PSD (8-0)	4. NSGA (2-6)		
2. AIMD (7-1)	5. VQ-2 (1-7)		
3. MARINES (4-4)	6. NAVSTA (2-6)		
A League Basketball			
Jan. 31	NSGA vs. HOSPITAL	NSGA	52-33
Jan. 31	SECURITY vs. AMC	AMC	41-34
Jan. 31	NCTAMS vs. EXPLOSIVE	EXPLOSIVE	60-57
Feb. 02	NCTAMS vs. HOSPITAL	NCTAMS	51-43
Feb. 02	BATTALION vs. SECURITY	SECURITY	47-43
Feb. 02	AMC vs. EXPLOSIVES	AMC	58-57
Standings as of Feb. 2, 2001			
1. AMC (8-0)	5. BATTALION (4-4)		
2. SECURITY (7-1)	6. NCTAMS (3-5)		
3. NSGA (5-3)	7. HOSPITAL (1-7)		
4. EXPLOSIVES (4-4)			



The Base Swim Team devoured the waters at the Aquatic Center on Saturday, Feb. 3, during its Second Annual Swim-A-Thon. 35 Tiburones moved forward towards this year's goal. This flurry of activity centered upon their hope to compete in the European Forces Swim League (EFSL) Divisional and Championship in Germany this year. Club members and coaches alike took to the waters in an effort to raise funds to travel to Germany. Two hours and 2,473 laps later, this objective was on its way to being realized. The sight of red faces (with goggle impressions still lingering around the eyes) told the story in which these kids, and Coach Steve swam 76.6 miles, a distance equal to swimming from Cadiz to Algeciras!

Why fans need Court TV: Sports

I am a child of cable television. Back in the early eighties, I was one of the first kids on my block to get MTV, WGN, ESPN and USA, among others, blasted into my home. MTV was easily the coolest channel of 'em all. Back then, there wasn't any programming, like *The Real World*, *Singled Out* or *Loveline*, just videos. All day. All night.

My second favorite channel was ESPN. Now, back then, ESPN didn't have the bucks for Major League Baseball or the NFL. ESPN existed for the sole purpose of answering questions like "Is there really a national championship for lumberjacks?" or "Can a person race go-carts professionally?" or "What are the rules for Australian Rules Football?" The answers, as revealed on early-80s ESPN, are "Yes", "Yes", and "we still don't know".

Fifteen years on, the world of popular music and professional sports had grown too big for either channel to handle. In order to broadcast all the stuff worthy of airtime, my two favorite cable channels gave birth to MTV2 & ESPN2. Additionally, in order to capture the niche markets overseas, MTV came up with MTV Europe (which later spawned MTV Hip-

Hop, MTV Hard Rock, & MTV Polka in the U.K.).

As I sat glued to the live coverage of the Carruth murder trial last month, I realized that another channel might also be outgrowing its current situation. I'm talking about Court TV.

While watching the testimony of that lunatic Van Brett Watkins, something occurred to me: what if this Rae Carruth trial gets interrupted by coverage of the Texas Seven? What if the Chmura rape case starts before deliberations are done on ol' Rae? What if L.T. buys more crack or Mike Tyson leaves his house? For pete's sake how on earth can Court TV possibly cover all of it?!

The answer is simple. They can't. Court TV, with only 24 hours of daily programming, cannot possibly keep up with the exhaustive efforts of our cherished professional athletes.

The world has way too many strippers and crack houses for that. In fact, when you think about it, a sports superstar has 100 different ways to make the evening news. Only one involves having a great game.

The other 99 deal with



things like spaghetti wrestling, horse syringes or a .44 magnum.

Thusly, it is my opinion that America needs a new channel. Never have we fans more needed (drumroll) **Court TV: Sports (CTS)**. I've even thought up some ad copy.

"Ever wonder what your favorite athlete is doing *right now* at 3a.m.? You're not the only one. Whether it's on the court, off the court, or in a court of law...CTS has got you covered. So put your hands over your head and spread 'em superfan! Court TV: Sports is here!"

"When your free safety is in lockdown. When your shortstop is being arraigned. When your point guard is just plain out on bail. From pre-trial motions to post-conviction outrage. *CTS is there!*"

Yeah, sure, I jest now. But wait 10 years. This channel will materialize at some point. See ya next week.

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